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SUBJECT: PRESUMPTIVE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN: ALFRED
HERMAN GOETZ

FOR: MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD H. GOETZ

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I DEEPLY REGRET TO HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF LA PINTADA, ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA REPORTED TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT MEDELLIN COLOMBIA THAT YOUR SON ALFRED HERMAN GOETZ, BORN JANUARY 26, 1947 AT OHIO, HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING AND PRESUMABLY DEAD DUE TO DROWNING IN AN ACCIDENT ON OCTOBER 13, 1973. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE CAUCA RIVER SOUTH OF CALDAS/ANTIOQUIA BORDER, 2 MILES SOUTH OF CURAPOTO (A FINAL REPORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS A SEARCH HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF LA PINTADA ANTIOQUIA COLOMBIA).

YOUR SON AND THREE CLOSE AMERICAN FRIENDS WERE GOING DOWN THE RAPID WATERS OF THE CAUCA RIVER IN A RUBBER RAFT WHEN THE RAFT OVERTURNED. THE FRIENDS ARE DAVID AKS OF CALLE 21 NO. 1-88 APT. 1502 TELEPHONE 824253 BOGOTA, DOUGLAS YAEGER OF CALLE 127 NO. 29-34 TELEPHONE 592406 BOGOTA AND MISS GAIL PHINNEY ALSO RESIDING IN BOGOTA. DAVID AKS IS CONTACTING THE EMBASSY IN BOGOTA REGARDING YOUR SON'S PERSONAL EFFECTS. ALL THREE FRIENDS SPENT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT LA PINTADA WITH COOPERATING LOCAL AUTHORITIES LOOKING FOR YOUR SON BUT

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TO NO AVAIL.

UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES A COPY OF A REPORT OF DEATH TO BE PREPARED BY THE CONSULATE WILL BE SENT YOU. SO THAT THE CONSULATE CAN ACT RAPIDLY ONCE YOUR SONS REMAINS ARE DISCOVERED, AND BECAUSE LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRED PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING. ESTIMATED COST BURIAL AT MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, COST \$250; PREPARATION AND RETURN TO TOLEDO BY AIR \$1,200 NO CREMATION POSSIBLE IN COLOMBIA.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON D.C.
COOPER

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